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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S NEW INITIATIVES IN ANTI-DRUG
PROGRAM

1. THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL SENIOR STAFF BRIEFED THE
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND DIRECTLY CONCERNED
CABINET LEVEL OFFICERS ON DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS APRIL 7.
DEA ADMINISTRATOR, DIRECTOR NIDA, AND EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF CCINC ALSO PARTICIPATED. THE PRESIDENT
PLANS SHORTLY TO SEND SPECIAL MESSAGE ON DRUG ABUSE TO
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CONGRESS.

2. THE PRESIDENT DELIVERED AN ADDRESS APRIL 9 ON THE SUBJECT OF DRUG ABUSE AND THE NEED FOR CONTROL AT IRVING, TEXAS. FULL TEXT PASSED TO ALL POSTS BY USIA WIRELESS APRIL ,2. HIGHLIGHTS OF REMARKS INCLUDED:

A. STAGGERING COST TO THE NATION IN HUMAN SUFFERING AND CRIME - MORE THAN 170,000 INJURIES ANNUALLY TRACED TO DRUG ABUSE; COST US UP TO 17 BILLION DOLLARS; UP TO ONE-HALF OF ALL BURGLARIES MUGGINGS, ROBBERIES AND OTHER FORMS OF PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED BY DRUG ADDICTS.

B. NEED FOR REVIEW OF PRISON SENTENCES FOR CONVICTED TRAFFICKERS (MANDATORY SENTENCING PROPOSAL BEFORE CONGRESS).

C. \$460 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ANNUALLY ON PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. FACILITIES EXIST TO TREAT MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION DRUG ADDICTS AT ONE TIME.

D. ACCELERATED PROGRAM WILL CALL FOR INCREASE IN INTERDICTION EFFORTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.

E. REFERRING TO MEXICO, FROM WHICH ACCORDING TO SEIZURES 80 TO 90 PERCENT OF TODAY'S HEROIN COMES, PRESIDENT STATED THAT UNDER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS QTE CRACKED DOWN HARD ON BOTH GROWERS AND TRAFFICKERS UNQTE. HE ADDED QTE I BELIEVE, AND LEADERS OF MEXICO BELIEVE, THAT IF TOGETHER WE SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY - AS WE ARE DOING WE CAN STEM THE TIDE OF THE NEW DRUG INVASION WITHIN A YEAR. BUT OUR EFFORTS MUST NOT STOP THERE. WE MUST ALSO ACCELERATE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY UNQTE. KISSINGER

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